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26 July 1949

The Executive

General Counsel

Negotiation of Contracts

REFERENCE: Memorandum of Services Officer to Executive, 20 July 1949, sub-
ject: [REDACTED]

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2. This power to negotiate could be exercised by the Contracting
Officers of the Agency at any time after passage of the Act, except
for the restriction imposed by the Director in [REDACTED]
There is, therefore, no legal objection to approval by the Director
of an exception to this Notice allowing negotiation of contracts of
\$1,000.00 or under. [REDACTED]

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3. You will note that Section 2, (c) of Public Law 413 states
that "such purchases and contracts may be negotiated by the agency
head" (emphasis added). "Agency head" for our purpose is defined
as the Director, Deputy Director or the Executive. Consequently,
negotiated contracts in excess of the normal statutory limit and not
exceeding \$1,000.00 must be approved for negotiation by the Agency
head as defined above.

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Legal Decisions